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Letter dated 16 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honcur to enclose herewith the text of remarks made on 15 June 2016 by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) with regard to the United States' provocative "precision air raid operation" plan against the DPRK (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Remarks made by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, 15 June 15 (KCNA) — We will further bolster, in quality and quantity, nuclear deterrence for self-defence in the face of US reckless war moves and will thoroughly foil the slightest military provocation of the enemies with the Korean-style mode of merciless counteraction.

A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK said the following on 15 June in answer to a question raised by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) with regard to a plan for a "precision air raid operation" against the DPRK.

He noted:

A strategic information consulting company of the US recently worked on and made public a report entitled "Military counteraction to the nuclear issue of north Korea".

The five-chapter report envisages a "precision air raid operation" against nuclear and military facilities in the DPRK to disable its nuclear capabilities.

The report chose nuclear facilities in Nyongbyon, construction site of an atomic power plant, uranium mines and enrichment facilities, as targets of an air raid and envisions making a simultaneous precision air raid on strategic force ballistic missiles, air force bombers and submarine-making facilities in the DPRK to destroy them in one blow.

To this end, scores of B-2 nuclear strategic bombers and F-22 stealth fighters loaded with large underground penetration bombs are supposed to be mobilized, and several Ohio-class nuclear submarines and destroyers are to launch hundreds of Tomahawk cruise missiles.

The spokesperson said that the open discussion of a "precision air raid operation" against the DPRK in the US reveals its undisguised ambition for a war of aggression against the DPRK that has entered an extremely reckless phase.

The publication of the extremely provocative report on a precision air raid on the nuclear facilities and nuclear force of the DPRK is clear proof of the fact that the surprise pre-emptive attack and armed invasion against the DPRK are in the full-dress process of examination and preparation, as it is just an extension of the US administration's extreme sanctions and pressure on the DPRK and moves for a nuclear war against it, the spokesperson said, and went on:

What should not be overlooked is that the dangerous "war scenario" against the DPRK was made public with the US-south Korea joint military exercises coming up shortly, in August.

The gravity of the situation lies in that the US is about to fight a large-scale war to militarily stifle the DPRK, foreseeing that its "precision air raid operation" will inevitably spill over into an "all-out war".

The aggressive US war moves, which are becoming a reality on the Korean peninsula, clearly prove once again the validity and the inevitability of the line of the Workers' Party of Korea on simultaneously pushing forward economic construction and building nuclear force.